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**INNOVATIVE COST SAVINGS/EXTENSIONS INITIATIVE SAVES
THE COUNTY \$6.4 MILLION IN CONTRACTS**

LOS ANGELES – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas announced today his cost reductions/extensions initiative – approved last June by the Board of Supervisors – has saved the County an estimated \$6.4 million.

Last year, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas successfully urged the Board to direct the Chief Executive Officer and County departments to develop a plan to reduce contract costs.

“Thanks to the aggressive implementation of the initiative by the CEO, the County has been able to realize millions of dollars in savings and spare other County programs,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

County departments solicited offers from contractors that met the appropriate criteria and requested price reductions in exchange for one-year and two-year contract extensions.

Between September and October 2009, the Board authorized departments to amend 196 contracts. The cumulative total savings resulting from the Supervisor’s initiative is an estimated \$6.4 million.

That total includes about \$2 million in direct savings to the County's general fund. The remaining savings were accrued by special funds/special districts that are not typically funded by general funds and state and federal governments.

State and federal governments have been able to enjoy a portion of the savings because a number of County departments are partially subsidized by those government entities.

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